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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8275

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EAIR, IN

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: SUPER APEX FARES: AD HOC AGREEMENT WITH INDIA

REF: STATE 302654 AND PREVIOUS

1. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION GIDWANI TELEPHONED EMBOFF THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 23 TO TELL HIM THAT GOI WISHED TO PROCEED WITH EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON SUPER APEX FARES IMMEDIATELY. CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH RANADIVE, HIS DEPUTY FOR REGULATIONS, GIDWANI SAID TEXT OF ORIGINAL USG PROPOSAL OF LAST OCTOBER (STATE 246864) WAS ACCEPTABLE AND THAT GOI WOULD NOT SEEK TO ADD "NON-DESCRIMINATION" CLAUSE (NEW DELHI 18143). HE ASKED IF USG HAD ACCEPTED THAT GOI OFFICIAL ENGAGING IN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WOULD BE SECRETARY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION, R.P. NAIK, AND EMBOFF REPLIED IT HAD (REFTEL).

2. SINCE HE HAD ALREADY SPOKEN TO NAIK, GIDWANI ASKED FOR LETTER FROM THE AMBASSADOR TO BE DELIVERED THE SAME DAY; REPLY WOULD BE PREPARED AND DELIVERED SIMULTANEOUSLY. ALTHOUGH BOTH LETTERS WERE PREPARED, DATED, AND SIGNED ON DECEMBER 23, DELIVERY OF AMBASSADOR'S LETTER AND RECEIPT OF NAIK'S REPLY TOOK PLACE ON DECEMBER 24.

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3. AS NOTED ABOVE, THE TEXT OF THE AMBASSADOR'S LETTER IS THE VERSION ORIGINALLY PROPOSED IN PARA 6 OF STATE 246864 AND NOT RPT NOT THE SUBSTITUTE TEXT OF STATE 296277. THE REASON FOR GIDWANI'S PREFERENCE FOR THE FORMER TEXT IS NOT KNOWN. NAIK'S REPLY QUOTES THE EMBASSY LETTER VERBATIM AND CONCLUDES, " I HAVE THE HONOUR TO CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA."

4. MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION DEPUTY SECRETARY EKAMBARAM
TOLD EMBOFF ON THE OCCASION OF THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS
THAT AIR INDIA WAS VERY ANXIOUS TO INSTITUTE SUPER APEX FARE
FROM ROME. HE WAS UNINFORMED AS TO THEIR INTENTIONS WITH
REGARD TO OTHER EUROPEAN STOPS. HE WAS TO NOTIFY AIR
INDIA AS SOON AS EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE AND BELIEVED THEY
WOULD SEEK CAB CLEARANCE FOR FARE IMMEDIATELY.
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